

Candidate **Richebourg G. McWilliams**

Special Field

Associate Professor of English,
Birmingham-Southern College, ~~Alabama~~

Creative Writing

Plan of Work

1531 21st Way, Birmingham

I shall write a novel about average people, white and black, in a country community in Alabama. I wish to show the human comedy of my own town and to show how one man, Van, a Negro barber, lived wisely and greatly because he understood that human comedy and embraced it all; he was an artist, and his art was his capacious gusto in living the ordinary life.

One year. Can return to present position.

Digest of Application

Born June, 1901, Oakhill, Alabama. Married.

B. S. University of Alabama, 1922. M. A. University of Alabama, 1925. M. A. Harvard University, 1935. Summer work: 1925 University of Puerto Rico; 1929, University of Wisconsin; 1932, University of Munich; 1936, Columbia University. Phi Beta Kappa.

Graduate fellowship, University of Alabama, 1923-24.

Teacher, The Cabo Rojo Continuation School, Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, 1922-25, \$1300 for nine months; instructor and assistant professor, University of Alabama, 1924-27, \$900-\$1500; assistant to associate professor, Birmingham-Southern College, 1928 - , \$2400-\$2700.

Publications: "They Were Seven," in Story, May, 1935, and in the London Express. Many book reviews; editorials on literary subjects in the Birmingham News and the Montgomery Advertiser. For standing see Roll of Honor in O'Brien's Best Short Stories, 1936.

References

Mr. James E. Chappell, President, Birmingham News
Mr. Grover C. Hall, Editor, Montgomery Advertiser
Mr. Robert Hillyer, Harvard University
Mr. Renwick C. Kennedy, Pastor, Camden, Alabama

Budget Summary

Total amount needed \$2100
From applicant 310
From Fund \$1800

Committee Notes

Granted

Deferred

Documents submitted

Photograph x
Exhibit material
Transcripts x
University of Alabama
Harvard University

Plan of work x

Digest

Sent to Committee *8/16 2*

Documents returned

